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SUBJECT: VISIT BY MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN DELEGATION TO THE WORLD
ASSEMBLY OF BUILDERS OF PEACE

1. FOUR MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN DELEGATION TO THE WORLD
ASSEMBLY OF BUILDERS OF PEACE, WHICH MET IN WARSAW MAY 6-11,
GAVE ME A MESSAGE ON MAY 11 TO PASS TO PRESIDENT CARTER. THE
MESSAGE ASKED ME TO DO ALL I COULD TO RELAY THE SINCERE DESIRE
FOR PEACE FELT IN POLAND AND SURROUNDING "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES.

2. THE SIGNERS, STATE REPRESENTATIVE CAROLINE J. STOUFFER OF
MASSACHUSETTS AND IRVING STAHLBERG OF CONNECTICUTT, JOAN ELBERT
OF MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS, AND ISAAC J. SAXON OF PITTSBURGH, SAID THE
MESSAGE WAS THE COMMON WORK OF THE 89AMEMBER AMERICAN
DELEGATION. THE MESSAGE IS BEING SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT,
EUR/EE, ATTENTION ALAN THOMPSON.

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3. THE AMERICAN DELEGATES AND I INCONCLUSIVELY DISCUSSED THE ISSUES
THEY HAD RAISED FOR ABOUT FORTY-FIVE MINUTES.
THEY ARGUED THAT THE SELECTIVE U.S. PRESS HID FROM
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THE TRUTH ABOUT THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES'
DESIRE FOR PEACE AND THE ISSUES INVOLVED IN DISARMAMENT
NEGOTIATIONS. THEY FELT THAT MORE ACTIVE AMERICAN PARTICIPATION

IN THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL WOULD BRING ABOUT GREATER AWARENESS OF THE SHORTFALLS IN AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY, AND WOULD SPEED WORLD PEACE. I APPROVED THEIR DESIRE FOR GREATER ATTENTION TO THE ISSUES AFFECTING PEACE, AS WELL AS THEIR STATEMENT THAT THE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES WANT PEACE. I STRONGLY QUESTIONED THEIR ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUES IN THE UNITED STATES AND IN THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS THE PURPOSE OF THE WORLD ASSEMBLY, WHOSE ONE-SIDED RESOLUTIONS REFLECTED LITTLE RESPECT FOR THE COMPLEX ISSUES INVOLVED. I ALSO EXPRESSED MY BELIEF THAT THE ABSENCE OF OFFICIAL AMERICAN PARTICIPATION AT SUCH CONFERENCES WAS THE RESULT, AND NOT THE CAUSE, OF THEIR PROPAGANDISTIC NATURE, BEGINNING WITH HIGH-HANDED COMMUNIST TACTICS AT THE WROCLAW CONFERENCE, WHICH I ATTENDED IN 1948. I ALSO EXPLAINED WHY I FELT THE ELEMENTS OF THE POLISH DESIRE FOR PEACE WERE COMMUNICATED TO MY GOVERNMENT ON A MORE SOPHISTICATED LEVEL THAN THAT EXPRESSED IN THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE WORLD ASSEMBLY.

4. SPECIFICALLY, I CRITICIZED AS ONE-SIDED THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE ASSEMBLY, ATTACKING ISRAEL AND ITS "IMPERIALISTIC" SUPPORTERS, AND SAID THAT THE EFFECT OF THIS RESOLUTION WAS TO ENCOURAGE FANATICIAL GROUPS IN THE ARAB WORLD WHO STILL HARBORED THE GOAL OF PUSHING THE ISRAELIS INTO THE SEA AND STILL SPOKE OPENLY ABOUT "FINISHING THE WORK BEGUN BY HITLER." I ALSO SAID THAT THE DESIRE FOR PEACE OF THE POLISH PEOPLE, WHO ARE OVERWHELMINGLY STRONG ADHERENTS OF CATHOLICISM. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WAS MORE LIKELY TO FIND ITS GENUINE EXPRESSION IN STATEMENTS BY THE POLISH HIERARCHY THAN IN THOSE OF THE POLISH DELEGATION TO THE WORLD ASSEMBLY, WHO, AS GOOD COMMUNISTS, WERE TRYING TO ENLIST SUPPORT FOR SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY. I SAID THEY APPEARED TO HAVE SUCCEEDED IN CONVINCING MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN DELEGATION, JUDGING BY THE WAY IN WHICH SOME OF ITS MEMBERS HAD JOINED IN ATTACKING AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY FROM THE ASSEMBLY FLOOR AND ON POLISH TV. DAVIES

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